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<b>Ian S. Malpass, et al.</b>	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: <b>1772</b>
Serial No.: <b>10/662,956</b>	)	
	)	Examiner: <b>Donald J. Loney</b>
Filing Date: <b>September 15, 2003</b>	)	
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Title: <b>Slip Resistant Mat</b>	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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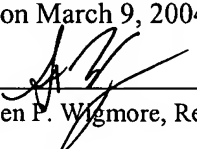
Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation patent application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/132,008, filed on April 25, 2002 on behalf of the inventors Ian S. Malpass and Jeffrey L. Cofer, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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